Amendments to the Claims

1.   (Currently amended) A method comprising:

during initiation of a real-time media session between a plurality of user stations via a communication server, the communication server directing at least one of the user stations to operate in a <u>particular</u> mode selected from the group consisting of half-duplex mode and full-duplex mode,

<u>wherein each user station is (i) a half-duplex capable station or (ii) a half-duplex and full-duplex capable station, and wherein the method further comprises during the real-time media session, the communication server detecting that a half-duplex capable station joins the session and responsively directing each other participating station to operate in the half-duplex mode</u>.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

the communication server selecting the <u>particular</u> mode.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, ~~wherein each user station is (i) a half-duplex capable station or (ii) a half-duplex and full-duplex capable station, and~~ wherein selecting the <u>particular</u> mode comprises:

the communication server learning that at least one of the user stations is half-duplex capable and responsively selecting half-duplex as the <u>particular</u> mode.

4.   (Cancelled)

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5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein directing the at least one user station to operate in the <u>particular</u> mode comprises:

sending an instruction to the at least one user station, the instruction directing the at least one user station to operate in the <u>particular</u> mode.

6.   (Original)   The method of claim 5, wherein sending the instruction comprises sending the instruction within session setup signaling.

7.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

a given one of the user stations receiving the instruction and responsively operating in the <u>particular</u> mode during the real-time media session.

8.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein operating in the <u>particular</u> mode during the real-time media session comprises:

receiving an incoming media stream from the communication server while sending an outgoing media stream to the communication server during the real-time media session;

treating the incoming media stream as a floor denial if the <u>particular</u> mode is half-duplex; and

playing out the incoming media stream if the <u>particular</u> mode is full-duplex.

9.   (Original)   The method of claim 8, wherein treating the incoming media stream as a floor denial comprises:

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presenting a floor denial alert to a user in response to receipt of the incoming media stream.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the alert comprises at least one of an audible alert, a visual alert and a vibratory alert.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein operating in the particular mode during the real-time media session comprises:

if the particular mode is half-duplex, then applying implicit floor control; and

if the particular mode is full-duplex, then not applying implicit floor control.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

the communication server operating in the particular mode during the session.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein operating in the particular mode comprises:

if the particular mode is half-duplex, then applying implicit floor control; and

if the particular mode is full-duplex, then not applying implicit floor control.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

during initiation of the real-time media session, the communication server receiving from a user station a request to operate in the particular mode; and

the server responsively performing the directing.

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15-23. (Cancelled)